WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1983

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1537

(By Mr. Hatcher & Mr. Martin)

Passed March 12, 1983

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article two, chapter fifty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to magistrates generally; limiting the amount of bond or recognizance required in certain misdemeanor cases in magistrate courts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article two, chapter fifty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY.


1 In addition to jurisdiction granted elsewhere to magistrate courts or a justice of the peace, magistrate courts shall have jurisdiction of all misdemeanor offenses committed in the county and to conduct preliminary examinations on warrants charging felonies committed within the county. A magistrate shall have the authority to issue arrest warrants in all criminal matters, to issue warrants for search and seizure and, except in cases involving capital offenses, to set and admit to bail: Provided, That in cases punishable only by fine such bail or recognizance shall not exceed the maximum amount of the fine and applicable court costs permitted or authorized by statute to be imposed in the event of conviction.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Donald A. Stump

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within __________ this the __________

day of _____________ 1983.

Governor

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